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For. CATALYST WARMING CONTROL APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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GROUP ART UNIT 3748

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Sub-17 5. (Amended) A catalyst warming control apparatus for a hybrid vehicle asserting control over the vehicle both when the vehicle is moving and when the vehicle is standing still, having an internal combustion engine, a generator for generating electric power from an output of the internal combustion engine, a power storage unit for storing electric power generated by the generator, and an electric motor driven by the electric power stored in the power storage unit, the hybrid vehicle being driven by at least one of the internal combustion engine and the motor, the catalyst warming control apparatus comprising: